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EXTENSION OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The number of additional children likely to be covered under the Mid-day Meal Scheme after its extension to the upper primary classes;

(b) The additional amount required, earmarked and allocated to each State and UT for the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 after extending the Scheme to upper primary classes; and

(c) The extent to which Mid-day Meal Scheme has been successful in decreasing the drop out rate and increasing the enrolment, State and UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a): As per proposals received from the State Governments/UT Administrations, and additional 1,66,96676 children are likely to be covered in 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in 2007-08 under the Mid Day Meal Scheme after its extension to the upper primary stage.

(b): The additional amount allocated and released to States/UTs towards extension of Mid Day Meal Scheme to upper primary classes in 3479 EBBs for 2007-08 is at Annexure-1. Funds are allocated to States/UTs on the basis of the State proposals approved by the Mid Day Meal Programme Approval Board (MDM-PAB) every year.

(c): Enrolment in primary schools (classes I-V) has steadily increased from 107.1 million in 1995-96, the year in which Mid Day Meal Scheme was introduced, to 130.8 million in 2004- 05. Similarly, drop cut rate (Primary) is also decreased from 42.07 in 1995-96 to 29.00 in 2004-05. State wise details of enrolment and drop out rate (primary) for the years 1995-96 and 2004-05 are at Annexure-2. This progress is due to Mid Day Meal Scheme in combination with various interventions provided under different Schemes of the Central and State Governments for universalisation of Elementary education.